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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting  
Long Hill Conference Room – Trumbull Town Hall  
Tuesday, February 8, 2011  
Immediately Following the Trumbull Police Pension Board of Trustees Meeting

MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission Meeting was called to order immediately following the Trumbull Police Pension Board of Trustees Meeting which adjourned at 8:18PM.

Members Present:

Jack Testani, Chairman  
Anna Henry, Vice Chairman  
Alfred Liggins, Secretary

Philip DiGennaro, Commissioner  
Albert Zamary, Commissioner

Also Present:

Chief Thomas H. Kiely  
Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes  
Deputy Chief Michael Harry  
Officer Robert Coppola

Not Present:

William Murphy, Commissioner

Guests:

Sharon Stoyer, Program Director – Juvenile Review Board  
Officer Wood- Bridgeport Police Department Youth Officer  
Officer Policano – Stratford Police Department Youth Officer  
Officer Burroughs – Stratford Police Department Youth Officer

Item Number 2, Public Comment, was moved to Item 3 to allow for approval of the January 11, 2011 Police Commission Meeting Minutes prior to the presentation to be given by Sharon Stoyer, Program Director, Juvenile Review Board.

Chairman Testani asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2011 Police Commission Meeting. MOTION made (Commissioner LIGGINS) 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner HENRY) to APPROVE the minutes of the January 11, 2011 Police Commission Meeting as presented. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

### Public Comment

At its January 11, 2011 meeting, Deputy Chief Michael Harry distributed to the Commission members a pamphlet entitled City of Bridgeport – Juvenile Review Board. This evening, Sharon Stoyer, Program Director of the Juvenile Review Board presented an overview of this program.

The mission of this review board is to divert youth from the juvenile justice system making available to them and their families a diverse community services program. The Juvenile Review Board serves youth who are 9 – 16 years of age, non-violent first time offenders who have committed a misdemeanor, chronic truancy, possession of illegal substance(s).

The youth are referred to this Board by Police, Education System and Juvenile Probation. This program consists of volunteers from the town in which the program is implemented. These individuals are from all walks of life; business people, clergy, parents, law enforcement, teachers, etc. On the average, each community review board has a 20 – 25 volunteer force; hearing panels consist of five individuals.

The main objective of the Juvenile Review Board is having the youth take responsibility and being accountable for their actions. Through their cooperation and that of their parents (guardian) they can look forward to becoming a responsible citizen and an asset to their community. The review board focuses on the strengths of the individual and offers a second chance to lead a productive life.

Referrals to the Juvenile Review Board are made by Youth Officers of each individual town's Police Department. Trumbull Police Youth Detectives Kevin Hammel and Robert Schwartz are liaisons to the Juvenile Court.

To start the program, an individual familiar with the resources available in the Town of Trumbull will work with Ms. Stoyer to begin implementation of this program. The timeframe for completion of training of involved individuals is approximately one year.

The City of Bridgeport and Town of Stratford have experienced positive results from, this program and highly recommend its implementation.

The presentation by Ms. Stoyer and Officers Wood, Policano and Burroughs was well received the Commission.

Implementing this program on the Trumbull Police Department's side was recommended. Chairman Testani requested a motion to initiate the implementation of this program in the Town of Trumbull. MOTION made (Commissioner HENRY) 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner ZAMARY) to IMPLEMENT the Juvenile Review Board.

### Chief Kiely's Report

After fourteen grueling weeks of training, Canine Officer Richard Carlson and canine Cyrus graduated. The training is challenging both physically and mentally. The training involves not only training of the canine but also the training of the handler. Officer Carlson and Cyrus were very successful in this program and are now on patrol.

Year to Date there were 159 accidents, many attributed to the weather; 230 Alarms-Burglary (All False); 107 Assist Motorists (weather related); 196 Medical Calls 2011 Year to Date vs 154 2010 Year to Date. This is attributed to the Trumbull Police Department now being Emergency Management; Community Policing 2011 Year to Date 10 – this involves our Officers exiting their vehicles and being visible to the residents and visitors to the Town of Trumbull, giving them a sense of security.

The Emergency Operations Center was open two days due to the extremely inclement weather.

### Connecticut State Trooper Killed in the Line of Duty in Trumbull

Chief Kiely brought to the attention of the Commission, the initiative taken by Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes in researching the naming of the Trooper Ernest Morse Highway.

On Friday, February 13, 1953, on duty Trooper Ernest Morse pulled over a stolen vehicle on Route 15/Route 8; the individual shot and killed Trooper Morse. Sailors, on leave, came upon Trooper Morse, accessed his radio and called for assistance. The suspect was apprehended and arrested by Greenwich Police resulting in the suspect being brought to trial, convicted and executed a year later.

Five new ice rescue suits have been acquired; five patrol vehicles will now be equipped with the ice rescue suits.

The Bridgeport Police Department donated new dry suits which will allow scuba geared divers to enter the water. Our thanks to the Bridgeport Police Department for their donation.

The Trumbull Police budget has been presented to 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Herbst and the Director of Finance. It will be presented to the Board of Finance on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30PM.

### Rails to Trails

Lieutenant Thomas Savarese received from Tighe & Bond, Traffic Engineers, a "Proposal for Traffic Engineering Services for Whitney Avenue Rails to Trails Crossing. A copy of the proposed changes was distributed to the Commission, along with proposed signage, for their perusal. The Commission will decide what direction to head regarding this proposal.

Small pedestrian Stop Signs for the Trail itself are being considered. However, it will be beneficial to have a Traffic engineer review the area to offer, in their professional opinion, as to what is appropriate for this particular area.

Contact has been made with the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation, regarding our eligibility for a Grant for improvements to this area. We have been informed that we do not meet the criteria. Deputy Director of Public Works, Theo Samadjopolous, has been in contact with the State regarding this issue. Discussion with Theo and Director of Public Works, John Marsilio, will be made again regarding a possible Grant in the near future.

A timeframe of the closing of Broadway Rd has not been received by this Department. This closing will have a large impact on traffic and create a worse scenario that already exists for the Whitney Ave. Rails to Trails site.

A follow-up on this issue will be on the Agenda of the March 08, 2011 Police Commission Meeting.

### Traffic

Pedestrian crossing signs are currently posted in the area of Daniels Farm Rd and Hillcrest Middle School. Additional signs "State Law Stop for Pedestrians in the Crosswalk" have been ordered and will be added to the current signs.

Currently there are three stop signs in the vicinity of Clarion Place at Brookside Drive intersection. A request for an additional sign at this location does not meet the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices guidelines.

Traffic complaints have been reviewed and contact made with complainants.

### Detective Bureau – Cases in Progress

### Old Business

The Towing Policy will be reviewed at the March 08, 2011 Police Commission Meeting.

It was recommended by Chief Kiely that a member of the Traffic sub-committee accompany one of our Traffic Officers on an inspection of the facilities,; some changes are obvious due to the change of equipment used in the past. Notification of interested parties will be made indicating the review of the towing policy at the March.08<sup>th</sup> Police Commission Meeting.

MOTION made (Commissioner HENRY) 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner ZAMARY) to TABLE discussion of changes to the Towing Policy to the March 08, 2011 Police Commission Meeting. .ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

### Personnel Issues

For the purpose of discussion of Personnel Issues, Chairman Testani requested a motion to enter Executive Session.

MOTION made (Commissioner HENRY) 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner LIGGINS) to enter into Executive Session at 9:10PM for the purpose of discussion of Personnel Issues. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Members entering Executive Session: Commission Chairman, Jack Testani, Commission Vice Chairman, Anna Henry, Commission Secretary, Fred Liggins, Commissioner Phil DiGennaro, Commissioner Albert Zamar, Chief Thomas Kiely, Deputy Chief Michael Harry and Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes.

MOTION made (Commissioner HENRY) 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner DIGENNARO) to ADJOURN the Executive Session at 9:50PM. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made (Commissioner LIGGINS) 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner HENRY) to ADJOURN the Trumbull Police Commission meeting at 9:55PM. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted:

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Jo-Ann C. Nanni  
Clerk of the Commission